

## Chat Log

**Unnamed hostess with the mostest (to Everyone):** 1:08 PM: Welcome everyone. Our presentation will start at 1:30 eastern.

**Paula Robertson (to Everyone):** 1:08 PM: I'm glad I'm not the only one who has to stoop to mediocrity... :(

**Li-At Rathbun (to Everyone):** 1:09 PM: You're in good company, Paula!

**Unnamed hostess with the mostest (to Everyone):** 1:21 PM: Get your anonymous name to use in the webinar here

<http://www.fantasynamengenerators.com/>

**Lori (to Everyone):** 1:26 PM: Hi, I will have to drop off the call a few minutes before 11:00 a.m. to attend a work meeting.

**Zohar Nox (Jamye S) (to Everyone):** 1:40 PM: Yay!!!! Happy birthday!!!!

**Zohar Nox (Jamye S) (to Everyone):** 1:40 PM: Happy birthday to your mom!

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 1:42 PM: Happy birthday to your mom..

**Maydre (to Everyone):** 1:45 PM: hand raised

**Formal Eyes (to Everyone):** 1:47 PM: Hand raised.

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 1:48 PM: yes, heard of it.

**Maydre (to Everyone):** 1:49 PM: forget it GTM hate mes

**Maydre (to Everyone):** 1:49 PM: go to the next person

**Formal Eyes (to Everyone):** 1:51 PM: Quality triangle!

**Lori (to Everyone):** 2:00 PM: Hi, I have sign off now...I will listen to the recording. Thanks for doing the webinar, Li-At!

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:04 PM: right image might be slightly higher resolution?

**Zohar Nox (Jamye S) (to Everyone):** 2:04 PM: is the left image more zoomed in?

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:05 PM: (that was a guess -- hard to tell? :) )

**Zohar Nox (Jamye S) (to Everyone):** 2:17 PM: I have another meeting right after this - great job, Li-At! Thanks for a great presentation.

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:18 PM: it's great to hear all this as validation

**Crisfyire Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:19 PM: Thanks, Li-At.

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:19 PM: thanks so much -- good talk! (clapping)

**Formal Eyes (to Everyone):** 2:19 PM: Thank you! Need ot go now.

**Maydre (to Everyone):** 2:20 PM: Thank you Li-At, helpful and encouraging

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:20 PM: thanks very much Li-At..round of applause from me..it was good to attend it..

**Li-At Rathbun (to Everyone):** 2:20 PM: Thank you, Shompa.

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:21 PM: :D

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:24 PM: I have a question Li-At: in your opinion should a good tech writer be a good editor too?

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:26 PM: :D

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:27 PM: hear, hear -- whenever I've tried to edit my own writing I find I miss what I \*thought\* I'd included

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:27 PM: I think so..thanks..

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:28 PM: at a previous job we also provided a set of tips/checklists for what we called peer editing -- writers said they found it really helpful

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:31 PM: we also had a situation where we had 2 editors (one junior) for 100+ writers, so we had to help out with setting peer editing standards, and also doing "sample" edits for each writer rather than complete edits. And I think the biggest support was for the manager to include editing in every writer's annual goals that were tracked and "graded"

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:32 PM: Can you suggest a book that every tech editor should refer to?

**Crisfyire Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:32 PM: She is recommending the Blue Book of Grammar

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:32 PM: Judy Tarutz's book is also excellent for tech editing in particular (not specifically writing or style)

**Paula Robertson (to Everyone):** 2:33 PM: Yes, the Tarutz book is my bible.

**Crisfyire Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:33 PM: see grammarbook.com

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:33 PM: okay..great..thanks very much..

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:33 PM: OWL is great too!

**Crisfyire Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:33 PM: Purdue's OWL

**Crisfyire Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:34 PM: Just adding this so it is captured in the chat

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:34 PM: you mean my previous question?

**Crisfyire Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:35 PM: Li-At is also recommending knowledge or a reference for proofreader's marks

**Li-At Rathbun (to Everyone):** 2:36 PM: Thank you, Crisfyire. Proofreader Marks are part of the shared language editors and writers have.

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:36 PM: I recommend picking a standard style guide

**Shompa Dasgupta (to Everyone):** 2:36 PM: Well..I've seen a lot of tech writers who are good at writing but not good at editing..and don't care much about editing

**Paula Robertson (to Everyone):** 2:36 PM: can we schedule regular group therapy?

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:37 PM: It was a good topic. Thanks.

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:37 PM: :) to both Shompa and Crisfyre!

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:37 PM: (and Paula -- +1 -- good to get to vent and share)

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:38 PM: Cost of commas  
<http://www.bbc.com/capital/story/20180723-the-commas-that-cost-companies-millions>

**Sapphire Lemonthron (to Everyone):** 2:39 PM: need to go and get ready for my next meeting. Thanks - great information. :)

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:39 PM: When I have been in a frustrated employment position, I set a time limit for change to occur so I have a horizon.

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:40 PM: Yes, the story is from that era.

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:42 PM: It is important to remember everyone's priorities and pain: we deliver doc while developers have code or whatever as their priority, so we have to put things in their perspective.

**Crisfyre Telrinthok (to Everyone):** 2:44 PM: Thanks-

**Rage, The Redeemer (to Everyone):** 2:44 PM: thanks!

**Li-At Rathbun (to Everyone):** 2:44 PM: Thank you, all for attending and participating!